

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I just wanted to send a quick note. If the merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV will give me access to local broadcast channels, I'm all for it. I currently subscribe to Dish Network. I find it meets my needs better than cable television did. The only drawback is that I have to turn it off and switch back to the normal airwaves to catch the local channels. (And programming the VCR between the two gets a bit confusing.)

The high speed internet access the merger would offer is also exciting. Even though I live in a town where several of my friends have access to DSL, it's not available to me yet. I would welcome this access.

Please support this merger.

Sincerely,

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